

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 20 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 21 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 20 Nov 2021 at 02:42 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for transition to colder, brighter weather during Saturday morning, continuing on Sunday with snow showers dying out. Also high confidence for mainly dry, cloudier, less cold weather on Monday and Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 20 Nov 2021: Dull, wet start, becoming drier, brighter during the morning. Sunshine and showers in afternoon turning increasingly wintry. Feeling bitterly cold on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 20 Nov 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
>95%	60%	30%	50%	60%	70%

Forecast for Saturday 20 Nov 2021

Weather: Persistent occasionally heavy rain to start, gradually clearing southwards from mid-morning. Rain turning to snow above 900-1000m before clearing southwards late morning. Then much brighter with sunshine and blustery showers. The showers turning to snow above about 700m and becoming more frequent, heavier through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance at first, improving 50% later in morning.

Visibility: Poor first part of morning due to rain and clouds well down the hills. Visibility improving good from the north later in the morning with clouds lifting and breaking up. There will be marked deteriorations to very poor visibility during afternoon and evening as wintry showers pass by and clouds lowering to 600m.

Forecast for Saturday 20 Nov 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	24/29 NW	30/37 W	31/41 W	31/41 NW	30/39 NW	27/36 NW	26/35 N
900	23/27 NW	29/36 W	29/39 W	30/39 NW	29/38 NW	26/35 NW	24/33 N
600	17/22 NW	21/27 W	21/31 W	20/30 NW	19/28 NW	19/27 NW	18/27 N
300	5/23 NW	8/28 W	9/31 W	9/31 NW	9/30 NW	9/29 NW	7/27 N
Glen	8/17 NW	13/24 W	16/29 W	14/29 NW	14/28 NW	12/25 NW	15/30 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-3	2/-5	0/-8	-1/-9	-1/-10	-2/-9	-2/-10
900	4/-2	3/-4	1/-6	0/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-9
600	6/2	5/-0	4/-2	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4	1/-5
300	8/6	7/5	6/4	5/2	4/1	4/0	3/-0
Glen	10/8	9/6	9/6	8/4	7/4	7/3	6/1
Freezing Level*	1800m	1300m	1000m	900m	800m	800m	700m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Difficult walking conditions with strong winds and temperatures falling close to or even below freezing. Conditions exacerbated by the wet weather at first then wintry showers.

Forecast for Sunday 21 Nov 2021

Weather: A much drier and brighter but cold day across the Northwest Highland area. Still some showers at first, falling as snow down to 400m, mainly in north of area, gradually dying out, otherwise dry with sunny spells.

Maximum wind: Northerly winds with average speeds of 20 to 25mph and gusts 35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility with patchy cloud cover about 700m. There will be brief interruptions during the morning to very poor visibility as snow showers pass by, with cloud bases lowering to 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising briefly to 7 Celsius before falling again towards dusk.

At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius rising to Plus 1 Celsius.

Freezing level: 500m lifting to 900m in the afternoon.